

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
October 29, 2012**

**PRESENT: GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK (CHAIRMAN)
GERALD “JERRY” WINKLE (COMMISSIONER)
RAY MOORE, (COMMISSIONER)
ARCHIE BANBURY, CLERK**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:05 a.m.

Becky with the Treasurer’s office led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the October 15th, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried. Approval of the October 22, 2012 minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

Dwight Jividen, Cascade, discussed the sign improvement. (a part of the Economic Development discussion to follow) They have been working on a recreation improvement initiative, and the sign improvement effort is the first step. The majority of the costs can be borne by Idaho Department of Transportation, as they are responsible for many of the signs that are in need of improvement. The idea is to make people aware of the recreational opportunities by way of signage that highlights the existence and location of such sites.

Some signs have already been corrected and or improved, particularly in Cascade near the State Parks.

He recommended that the various stakeholders throughout the county should be contacted and their needs/recommendations determined. Signs on Highway 55 are the exclusive domain of the Dept. of Transportation. They seem to be responsive to suggestions, and as a result, they should be supplied with pro forma copy demonstrating the recommended changes.

Dwight will provide a list of the signs needed, and then they can be provided to the cities as appropriate. Those in the County will require the expenditure of county funds and 4 to 8 hours of time per week from a county employee, and perhaps as much as \$10,000 in funding to provide the signage.

The County is therefore asked for some labor, and a commitment to support the funding for this effort. Chairman Cruickshank suggested that we should look for partners, i.e. Fish and Game for example. Costs of signs vary with the content, but \$150 to \$300 each is "ball park." The U. S. Forest Service needs to be nudged a bit in this regard, as the road numbers for Forest Service roads are few and far between.

Commissioner Moore suggested funding \$6,000 to get the volunteers rolling on this. Cynda Herrick will continue to assist in the sign development effort. Mr. Davenport noted that the Four Summit challenge group is discussing \$1,200 to \$2,000 in donations for signage on Warm Lake Road. Commissioner Winkle suggested the county fund it with \$7,500 to start with.

Cynda will contact ITD and the Forest Service to see if they may provide some funding, when further refinements have been added.

Commissioner Winkle moved that Valley County assist the Recreation Sign Improvement effort with funding at the \$7,500 level. Second by Commissioner Moore and carried.

Mr. Davenport asked to bring an outside contractor to discuss the warm water available from the school to heat county buildings. Chairman Cruickshank set the discussion for 9:30 on Monday, Nov 5, 2012. (Geothermal heating for Valley County Buildings.)

Cynda Herrick with Planning and Zoning confirmed her assignment by the Board to continue work on the long range Long Range Guidance Plan, with pamphlets and kiosks, as well.

Commissioner Moore moved approval of the winter maintenance for Johnson Creek Road and Stibnite, an issue carried over from the previous meeting. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried to authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement with Midas Gold.

Assessor - June Fullmer provided information concerning Motor Vehicle activity at the Cascade and McCall offices. She wants to adjust the hours of operation to provide more time to get her work done.

June wants to start at 8:00 a.m., however not open the window until 8:30 a.m. to allow messages to be answered then ½ hour for lunch at 12:00 noon and close at 4:30 p.m. Immediately after lunch, 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. the office will remain closed while she handles her money and returns telephone calls. Commissioner Moore suggested diverting most of her telephone calls to Cascade.

June will contact David Crawford to discuss the telephone system with the Commissioners on Monday, next week and explore alternatives at 10:00 a.m.

Doug Miller appeared to discuss the snow removal by Fly Construction at \$85.00 per hour. He has talked with two others, Bill Hardin asked \$165 an hour, and a Mr. Pyle \$135 per hour. He will check on Worker's Compensation and liability insurance as well. This should be shared with Solid Waste as the recycle area is also cleared of snow. He will return on November 5th with his information.

Stephanie Johnson and Ken Postma appeared for the purpose of discussing RAC Title III Funding. She provided the history behind the effort to develop a comprehensive data base for fire and other emergency response. The plan was implemented to make use of Title III funding with which we were faced with a "use or lose" option. The data base developed followed the plan developed in the beginning of the project and facilitated completion of the effort within a two-year time frame.

Fire Districts were a big help as they were able to obtain a grant to purchase equipment used in data collection, standardized throughout the county. All "assessors" who gather the data were local citizens, and thus all the funds were expended to the benefit of citizens of Valley County that were hired from the community Their interaction with the community was very positive.

The data base is constructed from the bottom up, using as the base the County Assessors data. It is believed that the data will interface with other systems currently in use, i.e., dispatch and the Sheriff's office.

The Board recessed to conduct a jail inspection and adjourned thereafter at approximately 1:20 p.m.

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest: _____

Archie N. Banbury, Clerk